

In the specification:

Page 1, line 2, change the heading "Prior Art" to -- Background of the Invention --.

**Page 1, first paragraph, please amend as follows:**

The invention is based on a method for transmitting short messages [as generically defined by the preamble to the main claim].

**Amended page 1 first paragraph:**

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The invention is based on a method for transmitting short messages.

**Page 2, line 7, change the heading "Advantages of the Invention" to -- Summary of the Invention --.**

**Please amend the first full paragraph on page 2 as follows:**

The method according to the invention for transmitting short messages[, having the characteristics of the main claim,] has the advantage over the prior art that a notice is sent to a subscriber of the telecommunications network as a function of a short message transmitted to the telecommunications network for the subscriber, and with the notice, data that include items of information about the makeup and/or content of the short message are transmitted to the subscriber. In this way, the subscriber not only learns that a short message has arrived for him at the network operator. He furthermore receives further items of information about the short message that make it possible to decide whether the entire short message or only parts of the short message should be downloaded from the network operator. Thus the subscriber can access contents of short messages simply and conveniently.

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**Please cancel second full paragraph in lines 24-26 on page**

**2.**

**Page 9, line 10, change the heading "Drawing" to -- Brief Description of the Drawings.**

**Page 9, line 22, change the heading "Description of the Exemplary Embodiment" to -- Description of the Preferred Embodiments --.**

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